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ACTION STR FOR AMBASSADOR WOLFF AND GREENWALD
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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY CG-18 MEETING

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1. MTN DEL WOULD STRONGLY PREFER THAT U.S. APPROACH TO
EC ABOUT CG-18 (REFTEL) CONCENTRATE ON ELABORATION OF
IDEAS FOR A STRENGTHENED CG-18 ROLE IN POST-MTN PERIOD
PLUS TOPICS MENTIONED IN PARA 3(C) REFTEL AND THAT TREAT-
MENT OF B/P ISSUE AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT ON CG-18 PROPER
BE DOWNPLAYED. IN VIEW REASONABLY GOOD PROSPECT THAT WE
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HAVE A CHANCE TO WIND UP THE MTN IN COMING SIX MONTHS, WE
CONSIDER IT UNWISE TO ASSOCIATE U.S. WITH IDEA THAT CG-18
SHOULD TRY TO ASSUME ANY KIND OF ACTION ROLE WITH REGARD
TO B/P ISSUE AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. IN VIEW RELATIVE
INFREQUENCY OF CG MEETINGS, THIS PLAYS INTO EC HAND OF
WISHING TO AVOID NEGOTIATIONS ON THESE TWO ISSUES AND TO
KEEP THEM BOTTLED UP IN CG-18 FOR SPORADIC ONE- OR TWO-DAY

MEETINGS EVERY FEW MONTHS. APPROPRIATE OBJECTIVE, IN OUR VIEW, WOULD BE TO USE UPCOMING CG-18 AND PRIOR CONSULTATIONS AS TRANSITIONAL EVENT TO PRY B/P AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT OUT OF THAT FORUM AND GET EC COMMITTED TO MEANINGFUL WORK ON DC B/P ISSUE AND HANDLING OF DISPUTES; SUCH WORK COULD BE INFORMAL FOR TIME BEING (I.E., WE NEED NOT INSIST ON PINNING FRAMEWORK GROUP LABEL ON IT), BUT IT MUST BE PRODUCTIVE--AND, ULTIMATELY, RELATABLE IN AT LEAST TOKEN WAY TO FRAMEWORK GROUP EFFORTS.

2. DRAFTED BY CULBERT/HARTZELL. MCDONALD

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